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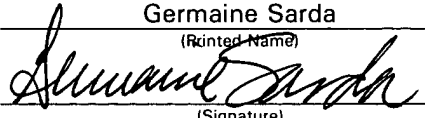
Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS  
FOR MEASURING BIOLOGICALLY  
ACTIVE NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES  
AND FOR IMPROVING THEIR  
THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (68 pages).
- [ X ] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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	Claims as Filed	Included in Basic Fee	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee Totals
Basic Fee				\$750.00	\$750.00
Total	42	- 20	= 22	x \$18.00	= \$396.00
Claims: Independent	8	- 3	= 5	x \$84.00	= \$420.00
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Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.16(e) for late filing of Executed Declaration and late payment of filing fee				+ \$130.00	= \$130.00
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				TOTAL FILING FEE:	= \$1,696.00

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